

## **RMAG**

### **Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2017

Call to order

Barb Newton called to order the meeting of the RMAG at 1:00 on January 18, 2017.

Roll call

The following individuals were present: Barb Newton, Robyn Chrisman , Kim McVay , Kim Steury, Lisa Bowling , Nicole , Tina Howell, Debbie Aldridge, Ginger Kahler , Taryn Summers , Rebecca McIntire, Michelle Mallory, Lisa Clifford, Indu Samuel, Judy Ford,

#### I. FSSA

a) New Job Posting on Indiana Job Bank for the Ft Wayne area. If you know of anyone interested, please send them to FSSA

b) Welcoming Dr. Jennifer Waco to the Team. She is coming from the State Board of Health. Very interested in how to help families and children.

c) Legislative Session

a. Expand Pre K

b. Consumer Recall Products concerning children will now be added to the list

c. Multiple Background Checks for Schools- trying to find a way to align them.

d) Children with Obesity Issues

a. Looking for Family Resources

b. Contact Information

i. Marta Fetterman is the resource individual IAEYC who can help with this.

#### II. Professional Opportunities with TEACH

a. CDA at IVY Tech all online except last course- Scholarships are available

b. Associates Degree

a. all online and CDA course work transfers towards a B.S. degree

c. The Bachelor's degree program is growing. Scholarships are also available for this.

d. AIM for Excellence through the University of Southern Indiana

a. Credit Based Directors Course (9hrs)

b. Open to Lead Teachers, Assistant Directors, Owners, Ed Coordinators, Etc.

- c. Cannot take all 3 courses at once
- d. TEACH scholarships are available

d. Contact info for Hanan Osman is [hosman@iaeyc.org](mailto:hosman@iaeyc.org) 1-800-657-7577 Ext 3511

### III. Early Learning Indiana

- a) New Office Located on Meridian
- b) Former IACRR Training Central
  - a. Purge of available trainings and updating them and adding new ones
  - b. Preparing for new site launch
  - c) Caring in Faith Conference
    - a. Information Packets should come out in the next few weeks
    - b. North
      - a. March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wabash
      - c. South
        - a. March 10<sup>th</sup> in Nashville

### IV. Concerns

- a. Chirp (Kim M)
  - 1. Not Responding to Questions
  - 2. Better Luck in Calling (Ginger) if you need help getting on to CHIRP
  - 3. Put together the issues we are having and send them to Lisa to pass on to Nancy Ward
- b. VCP/PTQ Issues with Building Restrictions Directors were wondering what the best way is to get help for building constraint issues.
  - 1. Check for Assistance with United Way
  - 2. Paths to Quality Advisor
  - 3. Include Pastor or Church Board in Planning Meetings
- c) IYI (Indiana Youth Institute)
  - a. Scholarships/ Grants are available for conferences, continuing ed.
  - b. IYI is a resource for long range planning and board building. Grants are available for these activities
  - b. Lending Library available – Great resource for team building and board building
  - a) Order Online, send to your door, free mailing back

Closing

- a. Next Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm